facilities to the ryots at the hands of the Government necessary. But the rates levied in the Devicolam Division were greater than those provided in the Puduval Rules. The Member, therefore, prayed for the following relief measures:—

(1) The rate of assessment for lands should be fixed at annas four per acre for five years and slightly increased from the sixth year.

(2) The maximum *tharavila* should be fixed at Rs. 5 per acre, and the same recovered in three annual instalments beginning from the sixth year.

(3) The necessary irrigation tanks and canals useful for cultivation should be constructed.

(4) The fees imposed for the grazing of cattle should be abolished and free removal of timber of less valuable species for building purposes permitted.

(5) The ryots should be permitted the free use of arms and ammunition for protection of person and property.

(6) The Devicolam-Kumili road should be opened soon, and, pending its completion, a six feet trace should be opened with a view to afford to the ryots access to the properties under cultivation.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

12. Difficulties experienced by Pulayas in securing dwelling sites.

Mr. Aiyan Kali (Member, Nominated) complained of the great difficulty experienced by the Pulayas in getting lands for dwelling sites. In pursuance of the orders of Government to register 500 acres of land in the Vilappil *pakuthi* in the names of Pulayas free of *tharavila* and *thadivila*, only a few acres had been hitherto granted and some of the Pulayas in the Neyyattinkara taluk had not been able to get one acre of *puduval* land per head. He submitted that it would be a great boon if lands could be granted to Pulayas in other parts of Travancore also for dwelling sites, and prayed that the grievances of the Pulayas in the matter of getting dwelling sites might be redressed as early as possible.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

13. Need for opening a colony of Pulayas in Survey Number 790/1 in Rani *pakuthi*, Chengannur taluk.

Mr. Kurumban Daivathan (Member, Nominated) thanked the Government for the concessions to his community in connection with the registry of *puduval* lands and for the scope thus given for exerting themselves which was a more valuable gift than a colony for their exclusive use; but he submitted with reluctance that the good intentions of Government were not being fully realised, as the *puduval* lands applied for and occupied by Pulayas were being assigned away to wealthy persons and as they were in some cases evicted from their small holdings. He appealed to Government to see that those whose duty it was to prepare *ozhuqus* were sympathetic towards them. The Member's special request was that all available waste lands—whether *puduval* or *poramboke*—be ordered to be registered in the names of members of such depressed classes as Parayas, Pulayas, Vetar, Ulladar, &c. on the distinct condition that the concessions would be withdrawn on their alienating the lands. He further requested that small villages consisting of a few neat model houses be constructed by Government and granted to them, such arrangements being made by Government as would enable them to recoup the cost by annual instalments from the proceeds of their labour.

The Member also pointed out that, in cases in which lands were granted to Missionary bodies on behalf of Pulaya converts, the latter were often deprived of the fruits of their hard labour whenever they gave up Christianity. He, therefore, prayed that those and other grievances might be looked into and redressed.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

The Assembly adjourned at 5-10 P. M.

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